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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-13 in the following manner:

1. [AMENDED] A conjugate metal complexing agent having attached thereto at least one substituent of formula

(metal complexing agent)-($(Y)_m$ -A-NHR)_k,

where:

k is a natural number;

Y is the same or different at different locations within the molecule and is independently chosen from: an A group, a C_{4-8} cycloheteroalkylene group, a C_{4-8} cycloalkylene group, a C_{5-12} arylene group, a C_{3-12} heteroarylene group, or a polyalkyleneglycol, polyactic acid or polyglycolic acid moiety,

m is an integer of value 0-20,

A is a 3-10 atom chain of units selected from $-CR_{2-}$, -CR=CR-, $-C\equiv C-$, -NRCO-, -CONR-, $-SO_2NR-$, $-NRSO_2-$, or $-CR_2ZCR_2-$ where Z is $-CH_2-$, O, S, Se or -NR-,

R is the same or different at different locations within the molecule and is independently chosen from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkenyl, C_{1-4} alkynyl, C_{1-4} alkoxyalkyl or C_{1-4} hydroxyalkyl,

with the proviso that the <u>metal</u> complexing agent does not also have attached thereto a hypoxia localising moiety.

2. [AMENDED] The conjugate metal complexing agent of claim 1, wherein A is

$$-NHCO(CH2)2Z(CH2)2-, or$$

$$-SO_2NH(CH_2)_2Z(CH_2)_2$$
, or

 $-(CH_2)_2Z(CH_2)_{2-}$

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3. [AMENDED] The conjugate metal complexing agent of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein Z is CH₂.

- 4. [AMENDED] The conjugate metal complexing agent of any one of claims 1 to 3 of claim 1, wherein the at least one substituent has the formula

 -(Y)_{m-}A-NH₂.
- 5. [AMENDED] The conjugate metal complexing agent of any one of claims 1 to 4 of claim 1, wherein the substituent has the formula

$$-(Y)_b$$
Ar-SO₂NH(CH₂)₅NH₂

where b is an integer of value 0 to 19 and Ar is an arylene or heteroarylene group.

- 6. [AMENDED] The conjugate metal complexing agent of any one of claims 1 to 5 of claim 1, wherein the metal complexing agent is a metal chelating agent.
- 7. [AMENDED] The <u>cojugate metal complexing agent</u> of claim 6, wherein the metal chelating agent is a diaminedioxime.
- 8. [AMENDED] A metal complex of one or more radiometal or paramagnetic metal ions with the <u>conjugate</u> metal complexing agent of <u>claim 1</u> any one of <u>claims 1 to 7</u>.
 - 9. The metal complex of claim 8, wherein the radiometal is ^{99m}Tc, ¹¹¹In or ⁶⁷Ga.

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10. [AMENDED] The metal complex of claim 8 or claim 9 for use in the diagnosis or therapy of thrombosis, embolism, atherosclerosis, inflammation or cancer.

- 11. [AMENDED] A kit for the preparation of the metal complex of <u>claim</u>

 8 any one of claims 8 to 10.
- 12. [AMENDED] A vessel containing a unit dose for human administration of the metal complex of claim 8 any one of claims 8 to 10.
- 13. [AMENDED] A method of preparing a composition for use in the diagnosis or therapy of thrombosis, [,] atherosclerosis, inflammation or cancer, which method comprises bringing the metal complex of <u>claim 8</u> any one of claims 8 to 10 into a form suitable for human administration.